



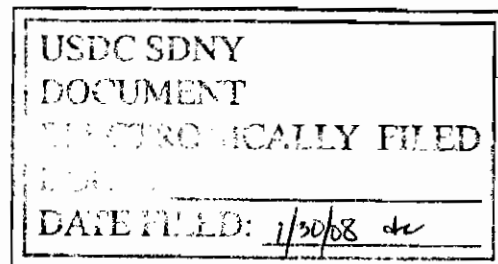
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BY FAX: 212-805-6191  
 Honorable Barbara S. Jones  
 United States District Court Judge  
 Southern District of New York  
 500 Pearl Street  
 New York, NY 10007



Re: Matthew Smith v. CNY et al, 07-CV-7993(BSJ)

You Honor:

I am the Assistant Corporation Counsel assigned to defend the above-captioned matter. On October 25, 2007, Your Honor granted an extension of time for defendant City to answer the complaint until December 21, 2007. However, due solely to my own error, I failed to properly calendar my response and therefore have missed the deadline.

Yesterday, I received a call from Arnold J. Levine, Esq., inquiring about defendant's answer. I informed him that I would file an answer immediately and he graciously consented. Defendant's answer has been drafted and can, with your consent, be filed electronically.

Therefore, I respectfully request permission to file Defendant City's answer late and apologize for any inconvenience to the Court, Plaintiff, and Mr. Levine.

Sincerely,

Brian G. Maxey

CC BY FAX: 212-608-3280  
 Arnold Levine, Esq.  
 Attorney for Plaintiff

Application Granted

SO ORDERED  
 Dated:

BARBARA S. JONES  
 U.S.D.J.

1/30/08